

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2006. In that action: claims 1, 4-6, and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Pettitt (USPN 6,256,073); claims 7-17, 20, 22, and 23 were noted as allowable; and claims 2, 3, 18, and 19 were objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim but allowable if properly amended into dependent form.

Claims 1, 4-6, and 21 have been canceled. Claims 2, 18, and 19 have been amended into independent form and to include the limitations of the claims from which they depend.

Applicants believe that all claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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